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1. EXPORT CREDITS EXTENDED TO COMMUNIST COUNTRIES
IN 1972 - DRAFT REPORT TO THE COUNCIL. DOCUMENT
AC/127-WP/371 APPEARS TO US A USEFUL AND VALUABLE COM-
PILATION, EVEN MORE COMPREHENSIVE THAN PRECEDING REPORTS
IN THIS SERIES.

2. THE STRATEGIC IMPORTANCE OF THE SUPPLY OF RAW
MATERIALS. THE STUDY OUTLINED IN DOCUMENT ED/EC73/128 IS
APPROPRIATE FOR ECONAD WORK, PERHAPS IN COOPERATION WITH THE
SCIENCE DIRECTORATE, IF THE STUDY CAN BE KEPT SUFFICIENTLY
FOCUSED ON NATO'S SECURITY OBJECTIVES. THIS MEANS THAT
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THE EMPHASIS SHOULD BE ON THOSE MATERIALS FALLING WITHIN

THE FIRST CATEGORY LISTED UNDER PARAGRAPH 5 (RAW MATERIAL AND BASIC COMMODITY RESOURCES VITAL FOR MILITARY SECURITY). AS TO THE SECOND CATEGORY OF PARAGRAPH 5 (RESOURCES ESSENTIAL FOR THE SMOOTH RUNNING OF THE INDUSTRIALIZED COUNTRIES' ECONOMIES) WE WOULD APPRECIATE KNOWING WHAT SPECIFIC MATERIALS ARE ENVISAGED. THE ECONAD STUDY SHOULD OF COURSE BE PROTECTED BY AN APPROPRIATELY HIGH SECURITY CLASSIFICATION, GIVEN ITS POTENTIAL SENSITIVITY.

3. FUTURE WORK ON SOVIET INDEBTEDNESS. DOCUMENT ED/EC/73/129 HAS NOT YET BEEN RECEIVED. KISSINGER

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